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## Vaccine E-Letter # 269

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### **Vaccine Eligibility Policy Revised**

Please note that minor revisions have been made to the current Vaccine Eligibility Policy (effective date 1-1-08). The revised policy is effective immediately and is available through a link on the CHIRP web site at [chirp.in.gov](http://chirp.in.gov) (see "[Vaccine Eligibility Policy](#)" link). Please contact the Immunization Program at 1-800-701-0704 with questions about the policy.

### **Vaccines For Children (VFC) Order Schedule**

Providers who submit orders on a Bi-Monthly order form should submit their orders between February 25 and March 5, 2008. The next Bi-Monthly ordering cycle orders can be submitted between April 25 and May 5, 2008. Be sure to order enough vaccine to cover the time between orders. These orders must be submitted on the Bi-Monthly order forms, identified in the upper right corner.

### **Influenza Vaccine Ordering Update**

Final vaccine orders for the 2007-2008 influenza immunization season must be submitted to the ISDH Immunization Program by close of business Wednesday, February 13, 2008. Currently we only have Fluzone in 2.5mg syringes for 6-35 months for the VFC program.

### **Vaccines Return Form Online**

The Vaccine Return form is available at [chirp.in.gov](http://chirp.in.gov). Look for the link labeled "[Return Vaccine Form \(Provisional\)](#)". This form should be completed to notify ISDH Immunization Program of vaccines that need to be returned to McKesson due to recall, wastage, or expiration.

## **Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) TIP**

You may maintain your entire vaccine inventory in the CHIRP Inventory Management component. When adding lot numbers of privately purchased vaccine (non-VFC/317 or state funded) under Publicly Supplied, simply check the box “No (Local Purchase)”.

### **CHIRP Informational Sessions**

NEW THIS YEAR! CHIRP Informational Sessions are designed for NON-CHIRP users interested in learning more about the benefits of using CHIRP in their facility or practice. The agenda includes A) What is CHIRP; B) Benefits of using CHIRP; C) CHIRP’s role in State Funded vaccine; and D) How to enroll in CHIRP.

February 21, 2008  
1:00pm – 2:30pm EST  
West Central Community Hospital  
801 South Main Street  
Clinton, IN 47842

### **CHIRP User Group Meeting – For *Current* CHIRP Users**

This session is designed for CURRENT CHIRP users who are interested in learning about upcoming changes or who have specific questions regarding CHIRP usage. The agenda includes A) System Status; B) Current Issues; C) Upcoming Changes; D) Training – State Funded vaccine management and eligibility; E) Monitoring Data Quality; and F) Questions/Answers

*Call (888) 227-4439 or go to the CHIRP.IN.GOV to register.*

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### **Get Published!!!**

Do you believe that your Vaccines For Children Program (VFC) has found a solution that other programs could use? Have you located a resource that you think other programs should know about? If so, please submit an article to Robert Bruce Scott, Immunization Health Education Coordinator, at [rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:rbscott@ISDH.IN.gov) for possible publication in the Vaccine E-Letter. Submissions will be archived for consideration and printed as space permits. We strive to keep the E-Letter short and to the point, so we request that submissions be no longer than one page, single-spaced, Times New Roman font size 12.

### **Contact Us**

For questions and comments, please contact the ISDH Immunization Program at:  
[Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov](mailto:Immunize@ISDH.IN.gov) or 800-701-0704.